

LOGAN'S SUDDEN END

The Destroying Angel Strikes Down the Senator from Illinois.

AN HONORED CAREER CLOSED.

The Country Shrouded in Sadness Over the Unexpected Event.

UNAVAILING PRAYERS OFFERED.

The Summons Comes on Sunday Afternoon at Three O'Clock—Mourning in Washington—Sketch of the General's Life.

One More Vacant Seat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—General John Alexander Logan, United States senator from Illinois, died at 9 o'clock this morning, after a brief illness, at his residence in the Metropolitan M. E. church, shortly after 11 o'clock this morning, a messenger arrived and delivered a message from Mrs. John A. Logan. It was that the senator was passing through the crisis of his illness and that the doctors were doing all that was possible to save him. The senator was in the city of Chicago, and the family of the critical condition of the senator, although it was well known that he was in immediate danger, as the rheumatic fever, from which he has been suffering for weeks, had assumed a form which affected his whole system and at times he was delirious from pain and exhaustion. The Rev. Dr. Newman, the pastor of the church, at once dispatched a messenger to the suburban residence of Senator Logan, and to the office of Dr. Baxter, the attending physician, to ascertain the exact condition of the senator. A benediction was pronounced the messenger returned with two messages, one for the public and one for the pastor. The former was that Senator Logan was passing the crisis, and was in a dangerous condition. His family hoped he would recover. The latter was to the effect that the senator was probably dying and that there was scarcely any hope that he could survive more than a very few hours. After the announcement was made that the senator was in a critical condition, and that the family desired the prayers of the church, all heads were bowed in almost silent prayer. The minister very reverently implored divine visitation and asked that, if it be the will of the wise and good One, that he be spared. There were many eyes filled with tears when the services ended. All had been in the street, now in that church and had the means of knowing that and realizing that both were faithful members of the church. Whenever Senator and Mrs. Logan attended church services it was at this time. It is a beautiful structure, located on Four-and-a-half street, a square south of the Presbyterian church, attended by President and Mrs. Cleveland.

It took but a few minutes for the announcement at the church to spread over the city, and soon everybody was talking about it. At 1 o'clock a number of carriages were going in the direction of the senator's residence, which is located in the northern suburbs. Senators, representatives, cabinet officers, and others either went in person or sent messengers to ascertain the truth, as it was hardly believed to be possible that one who was so recently in the city, and who had just been in the city, should have died. Little further information was obtained, so that shortly after 3 o'clock, when the announcement was made that the senator had died just before 3 o'clock, the people were startled. Almost in a twinkling the telegraph offices were filled with sad and excited men and women, busily writing the news to distant friends.

Not even the very sudden and unexpected death of Vice-President Hendricks caused more surprise or such universal sorrow. When last Senator Logan appeared at the capital, and when he was seen in social circles, he looked well. His bright, deep black eyes were full of lustre as of years ago. His heavy black hair had scarcely a silver thread in it. His face was full and rosy. There was no falter in his strong voice or in the vigor of his conversation. All was life with him. But, notwithstanding his vigorous and healthy looks and bearing of Senator Logan, those who knew him best and who were thrown in daily or frequent contact with him, felt somehow that he was falling. He looked, in a private conversation, he seemed, and a shadow showing pain flitted over his face, one was impressed that all was not well with him. Often fellow senators remarked his rugged appearance and in the same breath predicted that he was not what he appeared in physical form.

Since the senator's death, Senator Logan spent much more of his time than he did in former years at his home. He could be found there at almost any hour when not at the capital in the city. He seldom appeared at receptions, dinners and other places more or less public, but he was always ready to receive some of his old on the currency of every day life. Whether, as has been stated, he found solace in his re-election and freedom from presidential aspirations, or more happiness in his home than in the company of men, he seemed to enjoy life more there, though during the past year than before. He had become a closer student in literature during the past three years than ever before and was found pouring over books at the public reading room, or at the public reception, etc. No other senator would be missed more than will General Logan. He was especially prominent in the councils of his party and in the debates on the floor of the chamber. His judgment was always sought in legislation and seldom was there action among the republicans till he was consulted. Very like him, his respect was Logan and Sherman.

It seems that as early as last June Senator Logan began to realize that although he kept well in general appearance, he was falling in health. A well-known life insurance man, speaking of this to him, said: "I called upon General Logan at his house one day near the close of last summer and talked to him about taking out a policy. Of course I was anxious to insure him, for his advancement it would afford our company. He talked at great length and with mutual interest of the insurance. I found him to be well versed in all the different plans and various rules of the companies, as well as familiar with the cost of policies. He said he realized that he ought to have a policy on his life, as he was advancing in age and would probably die as then, a poor man. He told me all about the purchase of his home here, how much he paid down on it (\$8,000, I think), and how much he owed on it, which was about \$14,000. He did not like to go to debt, he said, as he would have to economize from his salary and save from the proceeds of his books and other literary efforts to come in. I told him that there would be no trouble about paying his premiums—that I wanted to give him a life policy for \$25,000 and would take his note for the premium due in a year and with-

out interest. I thank you," said he; "the offer is very generous, but I do not feel able to take the policy now." During our conversation," continued the insurance agent, "General Logan referred in an indirect way to his age, which I believe to have been sixty-three, and the fact that he appeared to have a long life before him. He spoke of looking so hearty, but I inferred that he did not regard the day of his dissolution so far distant as many generally believed."

It is not believed that there will be any political disarrangement by the death. The legislature of Illinois, which meets in January, is expected to be a safe one. The name of Charles V. Farwell, the well-known merchant of Chicago, is mentioned as Senator Logan's successor. Farwell served several years in the lower house of congress, retiring with the Forty-seventh congress and being succeeded by George Adams.

After last night's pulse grew weaker and weaker, and at 4 o'clock this morning his condition was such as to cause great fear for his immediate recovery. At 5 o'clock he was somewhat better, and at 6 o'clock he gave any hope of ultimate recovery. Dr. Baxter was in constant attendance till the general died at 9 o'clock. It was at 11 o'clock that the senator died at 11 o'clock, when it was apparent that the patient was rapidly sinking and could not survive the day. The senator's general revived sufficiently to recognize his wife, who has been at his bedside night and day, and to look up into her face, and all who were present knew that he recognized her. This was the last act of his life. He then closed his eyes and sank again into a lethargic sleep, from which he never awoke. While the public has been aware for a week or more that General Logan was confined to his room with rheumatism, many of his friends and friends, as late as yesterday afternoon, unsuspecting of the serious character of the ailment, called upon him to pay a visit. In this morning's papers that the statesman was at death's door brought a shock of sorrow to the hearts of his friends.

General Logan was born in Jackson county, Ill., on the 24th day of February, 1823. He was the son of John and Mary Logan. He was educated in the common schools of his native county, and at the University of Illinois. He was a member of the Illinois legislature in 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 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